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ant(s): Toshio UENO

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Submitted herewith are:

- 1. A copy of each of two Japanese patent publications identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A; and
- 2. copy of co-pending, commonly assigned, related application Serial No. 09/813,209 identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return initialed copies of the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B to confirm that the items identified thereon have all been considered and made of record.

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English translations of Japanese Publication No. 2000-115393 and Japanese Publication No. 2001-084276 are not readily available. However, commercially available English language Abstracts are provided for each of the Japanese publications.

Co-pending application Serial No. 09/813,209, filed March 20, 2001 is assigned to the same assignee as the present application and has a common inventor, namely, Toshio UENO, and is directed to related subject matter.

Also attached is a copy of the official Filing Receipt for related Serial No. 09/813,209.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider all of the documents submitted herewith and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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